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Let's put an end to the hounding of Microsoft, easily the most innovative and influential company of the last decade. As a computer geek (but not part of Microsoft), I was in the business when there were literally dozens of brands of personal computers, each with their own operating system and software. IBM's open architecture and Microsoft's DOS and Windows operating system put an end to the chaos. Microsoft's Office and email have become such a standard that it would be difficult to imagine a modern company without them. I also believe that the suit against Microsoft was the beginning of the stock market downturn. Yes, Microsoft has become a large company. Yes, Microsoft has zealosly positioned itself as the market leader. Yes, Microsoft's Windows is now the world standard and has become one of the great American success stories. Microsoft should be allowed to continue it's journey unshackled by excessive regulation. Please, allow them the "Freedom to Innovate".

Thanks, Mac Salfen Arlington, Texas